

APPENDIX 7 (EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS) to ANNEX W

1. This Appendix establishes the composition of various teams that will respond to incidents of highly contagious animal and poultry diseases. These teams will operate at the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture or representative and may be augmented by assets from the USDA. The various teams that may be involved are as follows:
 - a. FAD/EDI Investigation Team. One veterinarian with the expertise to detect conditions that differ from those expected from domestic diseases. Duties include taking tissue samples and shipping the samples to the appropriate laboratory facility for evaluation. This team requires appropriate personal protective and sampling equipment.
 - b. Appraisal Team. Government or industry representatives to assign fair market value to any animals prior to depopulation as ordered by the Commissioner of Agriculture or other authority. This team will be equipped with appropriate personal protection equipment.
 - c. Depopulation and Disposal Team. Teams of five personnel with appropriate personal protective and other equipment will depopulate up to 40 animals or birds per day in the designated manner.
 - d. Cleaning and Disinfection Teams. There may be multiple Cleaning and Disinfection Teams established based on the scope of the outbreak. There will be a minimum of one Cleaning and Disinfection Team operating at the Entrance/Exit Point of the quarantine zone using procedures, supplies and equipment appropriate for the suspected disease agent. See Appendix 4 to this Annex for a listing of prepositioned stockpiles of equipment and supplies. These teams require appropriate quantities of personal protective equipment.
 - e. Epidemiology Team. One person to conduct up to two trace-backs per day using appropriate diagnostic and protective equipment. This person will also designate exposed animals and issue quarantine directives. Duties to be determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture or representative on scene.
 - f. Vaccination Team. Three people per team with the knowledge and expertise to vaccinate up to 80 animals or birds per team per day under professional guidance. These personnel require appropriate protective equipment, refrigeration as appropriate and vaccines in appropriate quantities.
 - g. Wildlife Assessment Team. Team comprised of a minimum of three people and appropriate vehicle with rifle and/or animal capture and restraint equipment to obtain samples from susceptible wildlife in an area and in quantities as determined in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and USDA. Such sampling is under authority of WV Code, Chapter 20.

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- h. Medical Support Team. Team comprised of four field medics with tactical ambulances to support medical requirements of the JOC. Treatment and transport of patients with medical emergencies, once decontaminated, will be provided by local Emergency Medical Services agencies. The field medical team will maintain stocks of protective equipment for local Emergency Medical Service personnel to use in the event of emergency medical treatment and transport.
2. All personnel working within the Infected Zone will be completely cleaned and disinfected prior to departing the area in accordance with directives from the Commissioner of Agriculture.